

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:

20 September 2006

EXPIRATION DATE:

20 October 2006

REFERENCE NUMBER:

POA-2005-1849-4

WATERWAY:

Little Rabbit Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

APPLICANT: Goldenview Land Company, Inc., 16420 St. James Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99516.

AGENT: Mr. David A. Grenier, Triad Engineering, 440 West Benson Blvd., Suite 206, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

LOCATION: The proposed project is located within section 2, T. 11 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian; Latitude 61.0701° N., Longitude -149.7715° W.; Prominence Pointe Subdivision, Lots 5 & 6 (Block 7), Lots 2, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 30, 32 (Block 6), and the eastern end of Prominence Pointe Drive; on the east side of Goldenview Drive south of Rabbit Creek Road in Anchorage, Alaska.

PURPOSE: Develop lots within a platted subdivision and extend Prominence Pointe Drive.

<u>WORK</u>: Approximately 1.59 acres of wetland would be cleared and grubbed, of which approximately 0.68 acres would be filled, to construct residences, including driveways, utilities and yards, and to construct a portion of Prominence Pointe Drive. Approximately 2,850 cubic yards of material would be excavated and approximately 3,550 cubic yards of material would be placed into the wetlands.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The section of Prominence Pointe Drive and portions of lots 11A, 12, 13, 14, and 31 that are included in this public notice already have been cleared, excavated, and/or filled. Lot 7, Block 6 also has been partially cleared and filled; this lot is being evaluated separately.

Clearing and grubbing would be done with tracked backhoes and excavators that would load highway-rated dump trucks. Excavation for house foundations, driveways and

utility trenches would be done with tracked backhoes and excavators. Backfill operations would also use small bulldozers and compactors.

Work on the electric, telephone, cable along Prominence Pointe Drive and Manorwood Pointe Circle would occur as soon as it is authorized and would be completed within 45 days. Additional work on the lots would take place over the next several years. In places adjacent to the road where a tributary is underground and intercepted or seeps are encountered, the applicant plans to create a trench and back fill it with filter rock in the seep area. Generally, the trench would be two to three feet wider than the seep and three to four feet below the surface of the cut slope.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed to incorporate into the project the following mitigation efforts to reduce impacts to the aquatic environment: (1) A silt fence or other sediment control device(s) would be placed at the toe of exposed fills; (2) Straw bales would be placed at discharge points within the swales; (3) Small on-site settlement ponds would be constructed to protect water quality; (4) Temporary construction and fill slope stabilization measures would be installed as appropriate; (5) Disturbed areas would be restored with topsoil and seeded; and (6) Clearing vegetation during the local nesting season (May 15 - July 15) would be avoided.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In addition, Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Engineer during the public comment period.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(l) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Maureen McCrea at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at maureen.mccrea@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

A plan and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments

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DIVISION OF WATER

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. <u>POA-2005-1849-4</u>, <u>Little Rabbitt Creek</u> State Water Quality Certification

from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

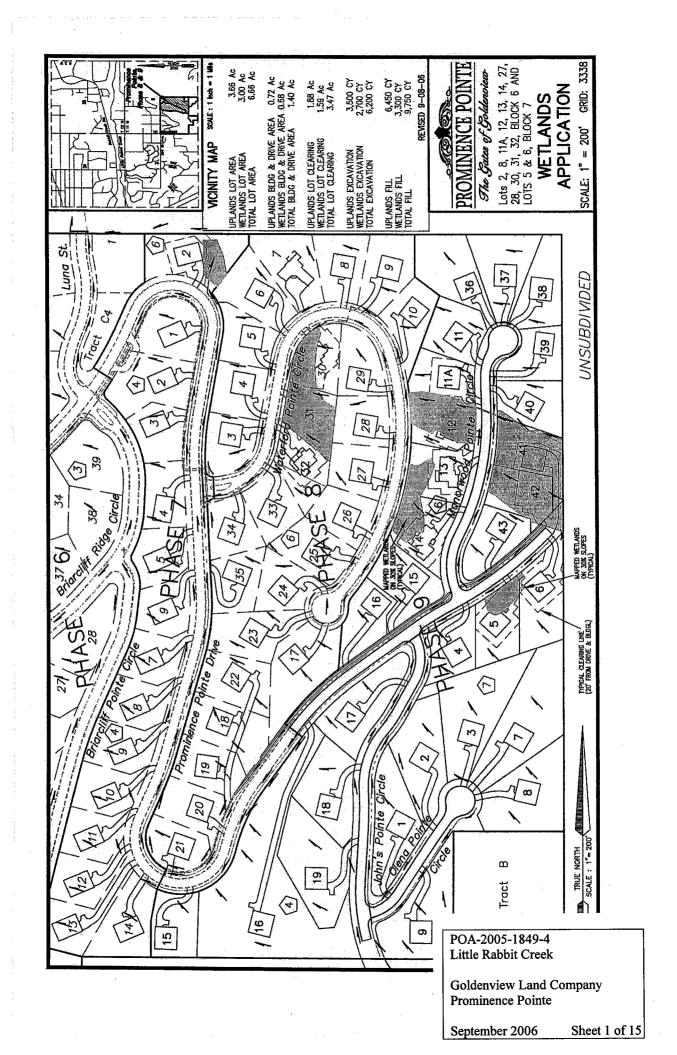
After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation WQM/401 Certification 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2617 Telephone: (907) 269-6281

FAX:

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WETLANDS APPLICATION LOT QUANTITIES

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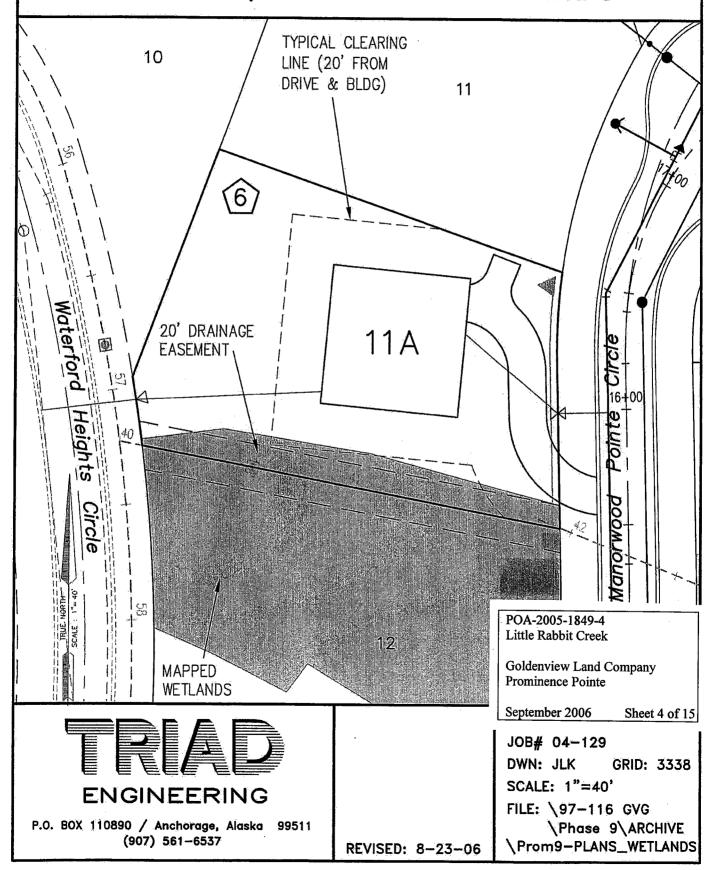
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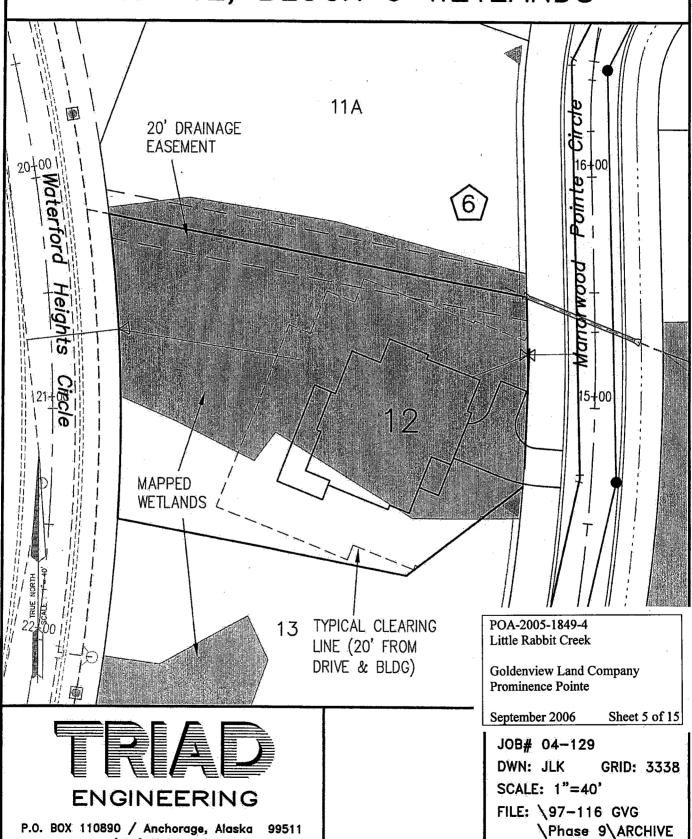
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Prominence Pointe, Phase 7 LOT 2, BLOCK 6 WETLANDS ROOST PTARMIGAN , ŚUBDIVISION 50' STREAM MAINTENANCE 8 & PROTECTION **EASEMENT** 10' DRAINAGE **SETBEASEMENT** EASEMENT F TYPICAL CLEARING LINE (20' FROM DRIVE & BLDG MAPPED WETLANDS Pointe 6 20' DRAINAGE EASEMENT POA-2005-1849-4 Little Rabbit Creek Goldenview Land Company **Prominence Pointe** September 2006 Sheet 3 of 15 JOB# 04-129 DWN: JLK GRID: 3338 SCALE: 1"=40' ENGINEERING FILE: \97-116 GVG P.O. BOX 110890 / Anchorage, Alaska 99511 \Phase 9\ARCHIVE (907) 561-6537 \Prom9-PLANS_WETLANDS REVISED: 8-23-06

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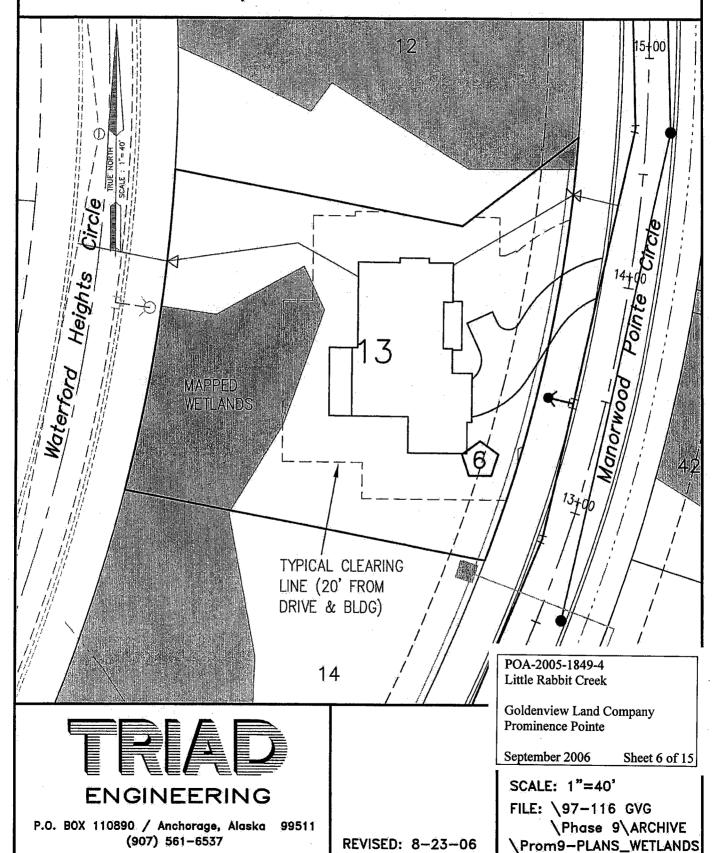


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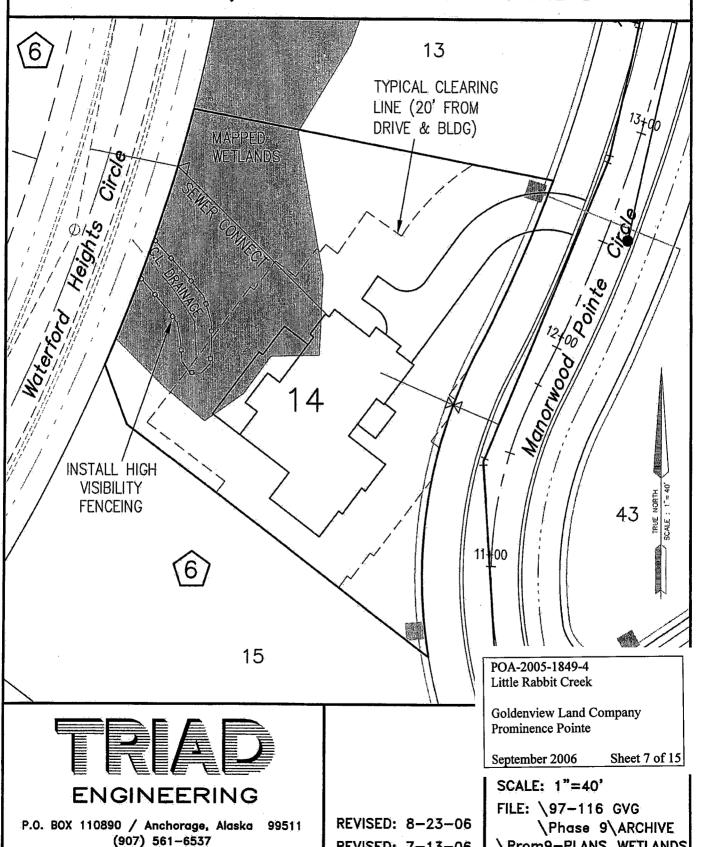
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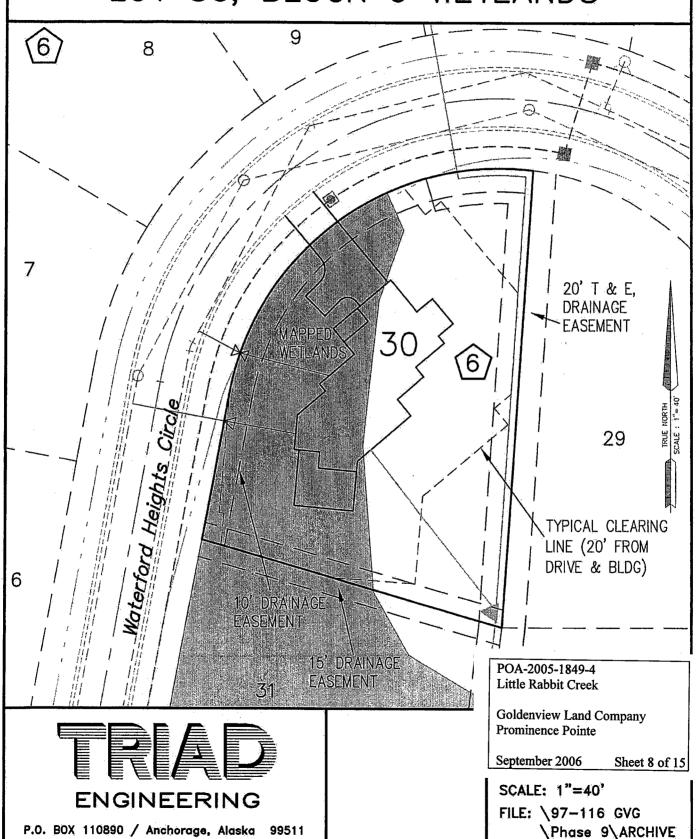
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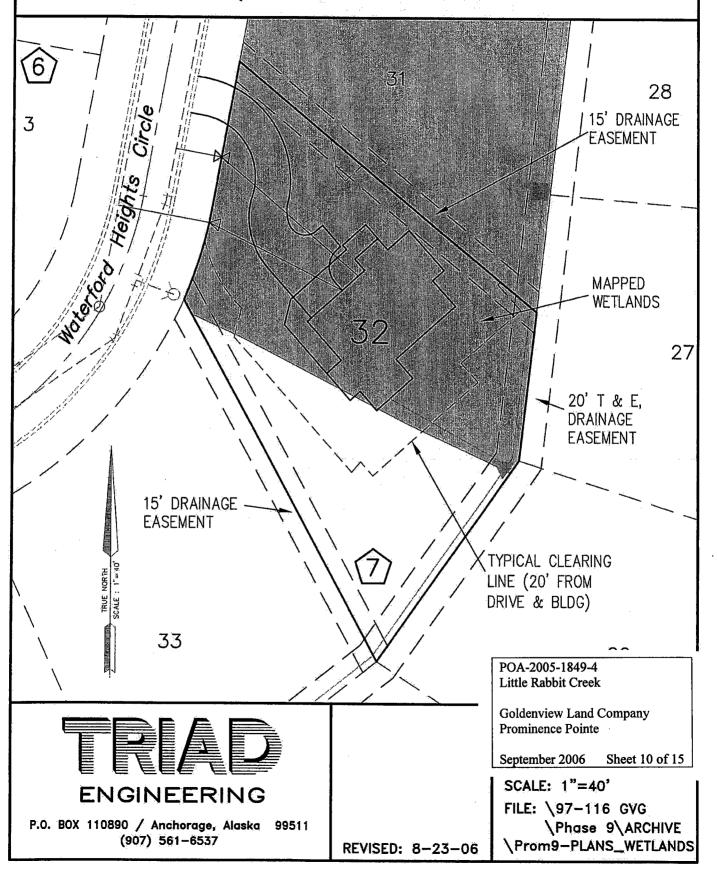
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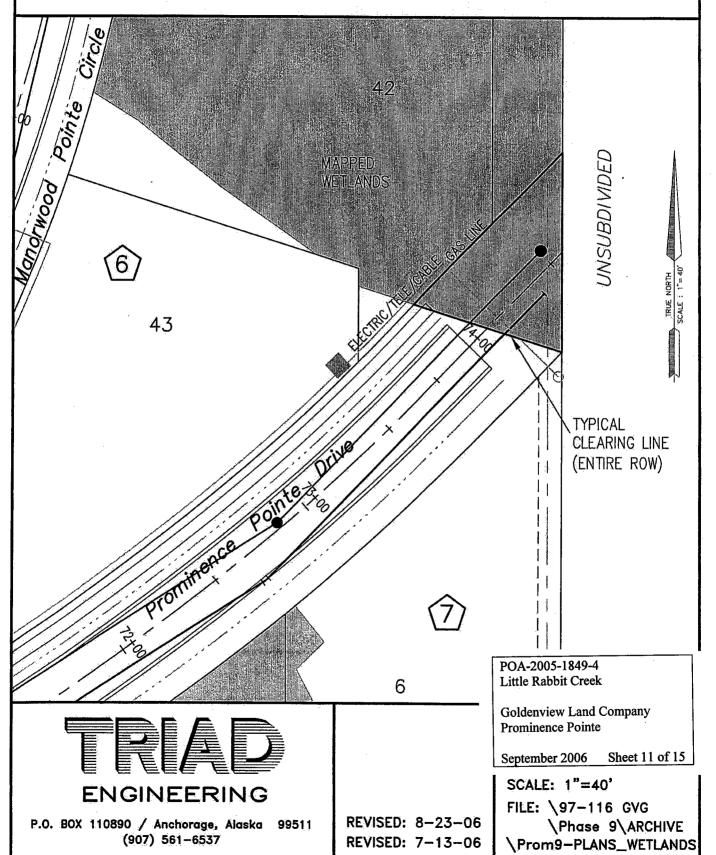
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Prominence Pointe, Phase 8 LOT 31, BLOCK 6 WETLANDS 15' DRAINAGE EASEMENT 29 4 (6) 20' T & E. DRAINAGE MAPPED **EASEMENT** WETLANDS 28 TYPICAL CLEARING LINE (20' FROM DRIVE & BLDG) 32 15' DRAINAGE EASEMENT POA-2005-1849-4 Little Rabbit Creek Goldenview Land Company **Prominence Pointe** September 2006 Sheet 9 of 15 SCALE: 1"=40' **ENGINEERING** FILE: \97-116 GVG REVISED: 8-23-06 P.O. BOX 110890 / Anchorage, Alaska 99511 \Phase 9\ARCHIVE (907) 561-6537 REVISED: 8-23-06 \Prom9-PLANS_WETLANDS

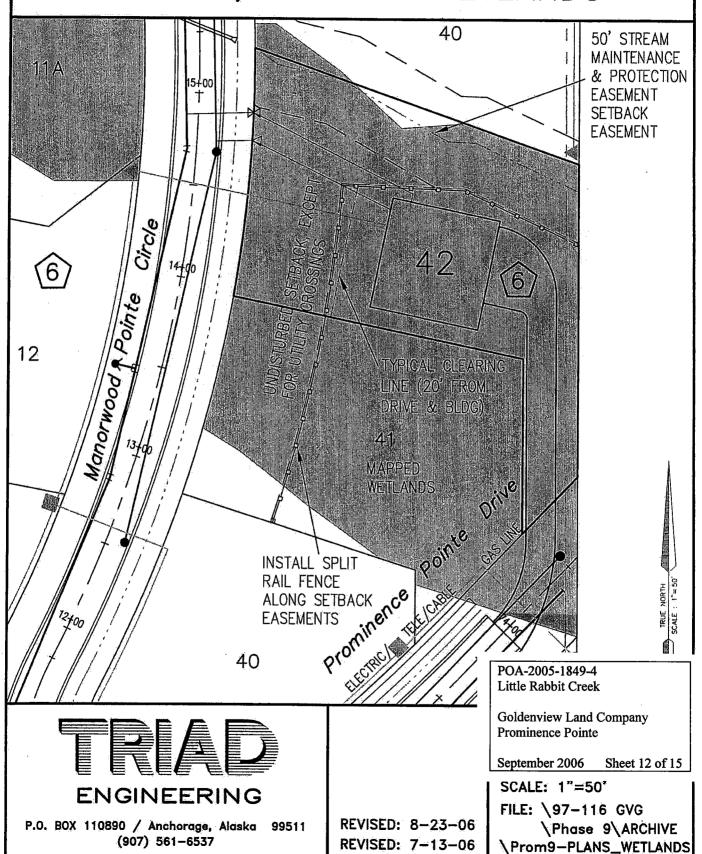
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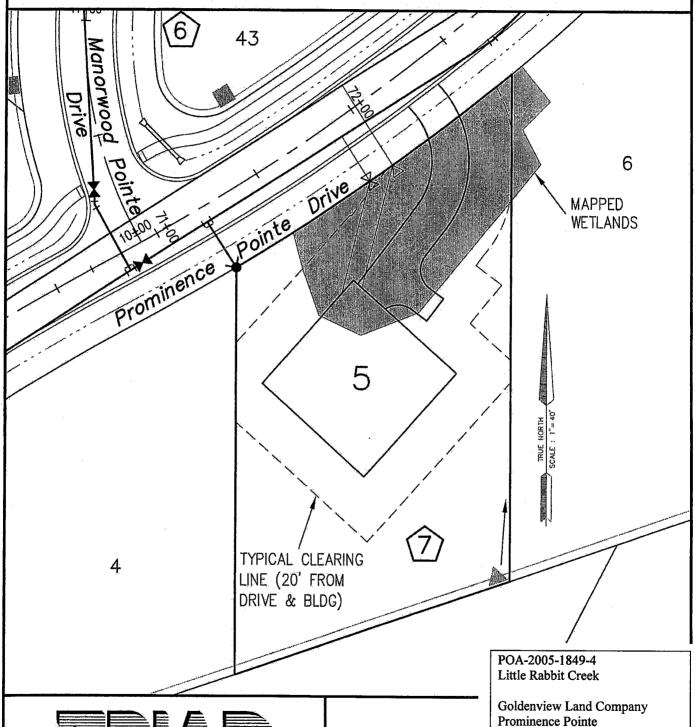
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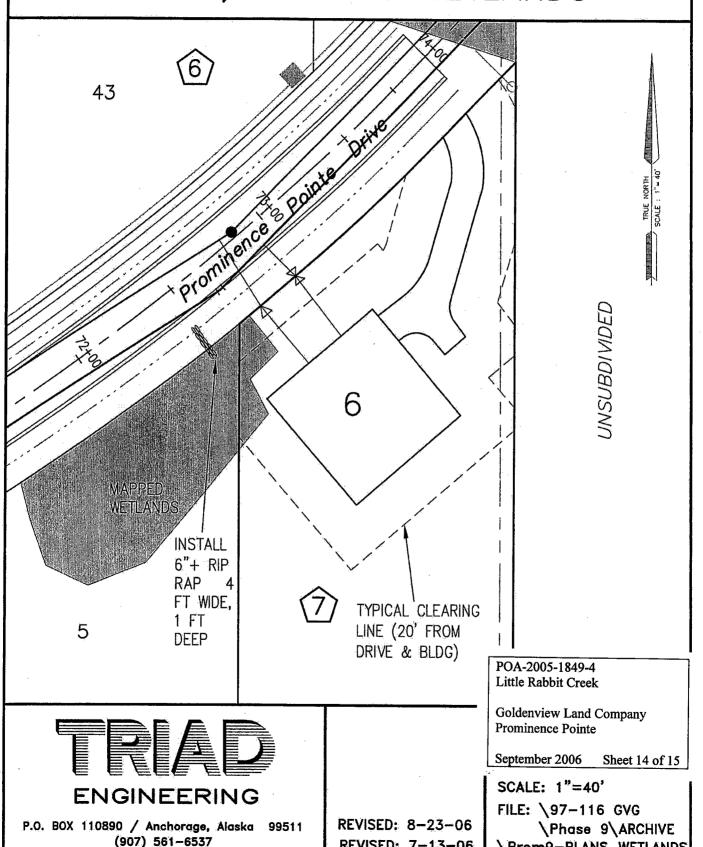
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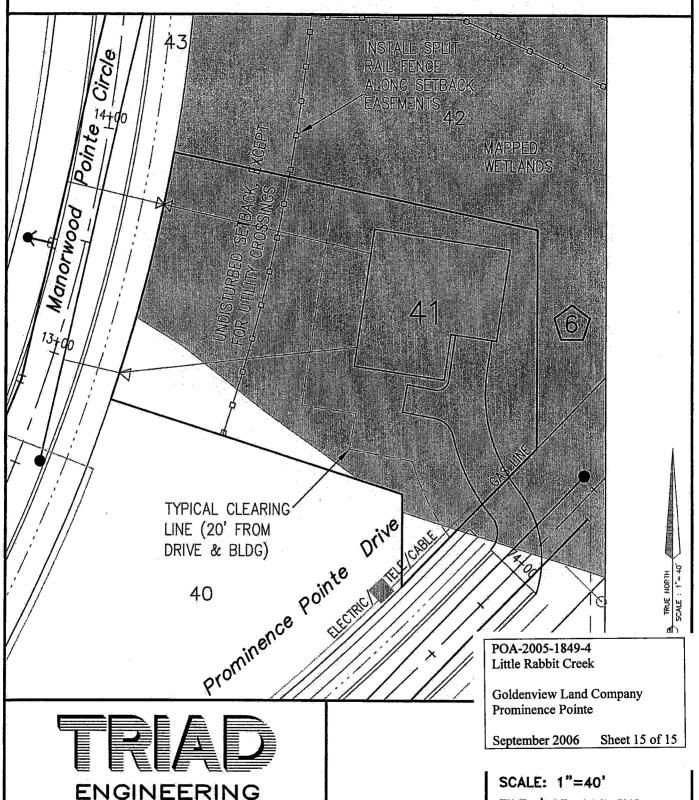
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